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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The final report of the Committee has not yet been received. So I cannot say definitely at what stage the progress of the committee is."

Local Boards

Nominations to taluk boards in North Arcot district.

* 42 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many nominated seats fell vacant in the several taluk boards in the North Arcot district at the end of March 1928 ;

(*b*) the names of persons nominated by the District Board President to these vacancies with the caste of such nominees ;

(*c*) the number of members in each taluk board in North Arcot district castewar previous to these nominations ;

(*d*) whether as a result of the nominations (after March 1928) any seats usually allotted to and generally reserved for minority interests such as Christians, Adi-Dravidas and Mussalmans were filled up by persons not belonging to such minority interests or castes ;

(*e*) whether the hon. Minister had occasion to warn the District Board President against such misuse of his power of nomination to the detriment of minority interests ;

(*f*) whether the District Board President continued to persist in such misuse of his power of nomination even after such warning ; and

(*g*) what is the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) & (*f*) The Government have called for the information.

(*e*) Yes.

(*g*) The question will be considered on receipt of the information called for.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*a*) will the Government be pleased to state whether they will get information only for North Arcot district or for other districts also ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question refers only to North Arcot district."

Overhauling of the Bantwal-Charmadi road.

* 43 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government decided to treat the Bantwal-Charmadi road in South Kanara as a trunk or imperial road ;

(*b*) whether the District Board, South Kanara, asked Government to sanction any and if so, what amount for overhauling the road ; and

(*c*) whether any amount will be sanctioned or is to be provided for ?

A.—(*a*) The road has been classified as a trunk road with effect from 1928–29.

(*b*) The President, District Board, South Kanara, applied for a special grant of Rs. 15,000 to re-metal and repair the damaged portions of the road.

(*c*) The President has been asked to include the work in his application for grants for 1929–30.